

Boys Bowling Quick Facts — 2023-24

First year of State Series:

2003

Classifications:

One

Classification History:

One Class 2003-Present

Schools Entered in:

2024 Series: 256 Single Class Series
2023 Series: 244 Single Class Series
2022 Series: 227 Single Class Series
2021 Series: 221 Single Class Series
2020 Series: 233 Single Class Series
2019 Series: 224 Single Class Series
2018 Series: 215 Single Class Series
2017 Series: 216 Single Class Series
2016 Series: 190 Single Class Series
2015 Series: 210 Single Class Series
2014 Series: 202 Single Class Series
2013 Series: 186 Single Class Series
2012 Series: 182 Single Class Series
2011 Series: 184 Single Class Series
2010 Series: 174 Single Class Series
2009 Series: 161 Single Class Series
2008 Series: 153 Single Class Series
2007 Series: 144 Single Class Series
2006 Series: 139 Single Class Series
2005 Series: 124 Single Class Series
2004 Series: 121 Single Class Series
2003 Series: 111 Single Class Series

Levels of Competition

Regionals (16) Saturday, January 13, 2024

Sectionals (4) Saturday, January 20, 2024

State Final on Friday-Saturday, January 26-27, 2024 @ St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon, IL

Team Advancement:

Regional Team Advancement

At each regional competition, the four (4) teams with the highest pin count for both rounds (round one score added to round two score) shall be the winners and advance to the sectional competition.

Sectional Team Advancement

At each sectional competition, the six (6) teams with the highest pin count for both rounds (round one score added to round two score) shall be the winners and advance to the state final tournament.

Regional/Sectional Team Tie Breaker

In case of a team tie for the last qualifying spot advancing from the regional or sectional competition, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Teams will be allowed in the first tiebreaker, one practice ball per lane with no re-racks. Teams will begin their 9th frame tiebreaker on the same lane they competed on in their last game. The open substitution rule will apply to all tiebreakers. The best score shall advance.

Individual Advancement

Regional Individual Advancement

At each regional competition, the top ten (10) individuals who are not a part of a qualifying team shall advance to the sectional.

Sectional Individual Advancement

At each sectional competition, the top seven (7) individuals who are not a part of a qualifying team shall advance to the state meet.

Bowling Chair Class

At each sectional competition in the Bowling Chair Class, the top two (2) individuals shall advance to the state meet.

Regional/Sectional Individual Advancement Alternates: If an individual bowler from a given regional or sectional cannot participate in the sectional or state final, as certified by the high school principal or athletic director, the next eligible bowler from the regional or sectional will advance in that place. The principal or athletic director from the high school of the bowler withdrawing from the competition **MUST** notify the IHSA in writing by 4:15 pm. on the Tuesday prior to the next level of competition. The IHSA will notify the new advancing individual by 8:30 am. Wednesday morning. After the stated deadlines have passed, no alternate bowler will be filled for the open position.

Regional/ Sectional Individual Tie Breaker

In the case of a tie for the last individual qualifying spot, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. The individuals involved in the tie breaker will begin their roll-off on a neutral pair of lanes. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Individuals in the first tiebreaker will be allowed one (1) practice ball per lane. In the event there is a tie for the last qualifying spot in the Bowling Chair Class, this same tie-breaker procedure will be used.

Individual At-large Qualifiers

From the **boys sectionals** two (2) at-large qualifiers will be selected by the IHSA. The IHSA shall survey all the sectionals and determine the 2 bowlers who are the least pins behind the last qualifying spot in the sectional. In the case of a tie, the tie breaker will be broken by the bowler with the highest series. If the tie still is not broken, then the bowler with the best 6th game shall advance.

State Final Team Tie Breaker

In case of a team tie for the last qualifying spot, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Teams will be allowed in the first tiebreaker, one practice ball per lane with no re-racks. Teams will begin their 9th frame tiebreaker on the same lane they competed on in their last game. The open substitution rule will apply to all tiebreakers. The best score shall advance.

State Final Individual Tie Breaker

In the case of a tie for the last individual qualifying spot, a tiebreaker will be implemented. A two-frame roll off will take place beginning with the 9th frame and concluding with the 10th frame. The individuals involved in the tiebreaker will begin their roll off on a neutral pair of lanes. If the score is still tied after the first tiebreaker, a second tiebreaker will be conducted using the same format. Individuals in the first tiebreaker will be allowed one (1) practice ball per lane.

State Final Team Advancement to Saturday

All teams at the State Final shall bowl round one (1) and round two (2), six (6) games, on the first day of competition. The twelve (12) teams with the highest total pin count for two (2) rounds (round 1 score added to round 2 score) shall advance to the third (3rd) round and fourth (4th) rounds. Ties for the last qualifying team spot will use the same tie breaker used in the sectionals.

State Final Individual Advancement to Saturday

All individuals competing in the state tournament shall be eligible for individual honors. All individual qualifiers will bowl round one (1) and round two (2) on the first day of competition. The thirty (30) individuals that are not a part of a team with the highest total pin count for two (2) rounds (round 1 score added to round 2 score) shall advance to the third (3rd) round and fourth (4th) round. Ties for the last qualifying spot shall be broken using the sectional tiebreaker on neutral lanes. A neutral pair of lanes is defined as any lanes the competition did not bowl on for game 6 or round 2.

State Final Schedule

Friday

7:30 a.m.	Doors open for teams and individual competitors and their coaches.
8:00 a.m.	Doors open to the general public
8:15 a.m.	Coaches Meeting (Head and/or Assistant Coaches only)
8:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
8:45 a.m.	Warm up for Round 1
9:00 a.m.	First Round (24 teams and 30 individuals)
12:15 – 12:45 p.m.	30-minute lunch period
12:45-1:00 p.m.	Warm up for Round 2
1:00 p.m.	Second round begins (24 teams and 30 individuals)
3:15 p.m. approx.	Second round completed

Saturday

7:15 a.m.	Doors open for competitors in the Bowling Chair Class and their coaches ONLY
7:30 a.m.	Doors open for 2nd day qualifying teams, individuals, and their coaches.
8:00 a.m.	Doors open to the general public
8:15 a.m.	Coaches Meeting (Head and/or Assistant Coaches only)
8:30 a.m.	Introductions
8:45 a.m.	Warm up for Round 3 and Bowling Chair Class
9:00 a.m.	Third Round (12 teams and 30 individuals) and Bowling Chair Class
12:15-12:45 p.m.	30-minute lunch period
12:45-1:00 p.m.	Warm up for Round 4
1:00 p.m.	Fourth round (12 teams and 30 individuals) and Bowling Chair Class
4:00 p.m. approx.	Awards ceremony (immediately following round 4)